

Public Hearing
Wednesday, May 19, 2010
6:00 pm
Chowan County Public Safety Center
305 West Freemason Street

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The Chowan County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on Wednesday, May 19, 2010 at 6:00pm in the lobby of the Chowan County Public Safety Center, 305 West Freemason Street, Edenton, NC.

Present, Chairman Eddy Goodwin, Vice Chairman Emmett Winborne, Commissioner Jimmy Alligood, Commissioner Louis Belfield, Commissioner Kenny Goodwin, Commissioner Ralph Cole, and Commissioner Keith Nixon. Staff present: Clerk to the Board Susanne Stallings.

Chairman Eddy Goodwin called the meeting to order and led the group in the pledge. Commissioner Cole then offered the invocation.

Public Hearing

Chairman Eddy Goodwin opened the floor for public comment with regards to the recommended FY 2010-11 Chowan County Budget. (after several requests from the Chairman for comment, there was none).

Timely and Important Matters

Mr. Rascoe stated that the Finance Sub Committee reviewed a contract for a billing company for EMS collections. He noted the company has 74 EMS clients. He stated the County received 5 bid submittals and two of the submittals did not qualify. He stated the company provides debt set-off, hardware and software for ambulance, invoices are processed within 24 hours of submittal via email, software can generate reports, 3 year billing contract with a 60 day kick out, 92% collection rate and training and support for EMS staff.

Commissioner Kenny Goodwin stated he thought the auditor wanted the County to tie in the collection rate with the fee.

Commissioner Nixon stated he called the County's auditor prior to the meeting and the auditor stated he was fine with the submittal and he felt it was wise to go with the company. He stated that the EMS director should continue to monitor with the Board the revenues for transports.

Commissioner Kenny Goodwin stated the Finance Sub Committee recommends approval of the Contract between Tarheel Medical Billing and Chowan County.

Commissioner Belfield asked for clarification on language in the contract.

Commissioner Winborne clarified that the company will take over billing on July 1st and all outstanding accounts will be collected by the former company, Southern Credit.

Mr. Rascoe stated that was correct.

Chairman Eddy Goodwin asked for all in favor of the recommendation from the Finance Sub Committee. The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Public Comment

Chairman Eddy Goodwin asked if there was any public comment.

John Sams, ,219 Queen Anne Drive commended the Commissioners and the County Manager for their work on the budget and stated that no public comment was a good indicator that the Board was doing something right.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Edward C. Goodwin, Chairman

L. Susanne Stallings, Clerk